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PLANTINGS

NEW DELHI FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE
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1. IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH INDIANS REGARDING OUR NEED
FOR INCREASED OPIUM GUM IMPORTS, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT
WALL STREET JOURNAL NOVEMBER 14 CARRIED A TWO-COLUMN
STORY ENTITLED "US FIRMS, DESPERATE FOR CODEINE, ATTEMPT
TO GROW POPPIES THAT WON'T PRODUCE HEROIN". SIGNIFICANT
NEW INFORMATION IN IT, ACCORDING TO FISHLER OF USDA,
IS CONTAINED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:

"FOR ITS PART, MALLINCKRODT, IN 1969, PLANTED SOME
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BRACTEATUM SEEDS IN THE SMALL PLOT HERE. THE RESULTS,

ACHIEVED BY 'PAINSTAKING TRIAL AND ERROR,' THE COMPANY SAYS, WERE ENCOURAGING ENOUGH THAT SEVEN ACRES WERE SUBSEQUENTLY PLANTED IN COLORADO AND IDAHO, AND RECENTLY TWO PLOTS OF 15 ACRES AND 70 ACRES WERE ADDED IN NEBRASKA. HAROLD J. THAYER, MALLINCKRODT CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE, SAYS THE PROJECT 'IS VERY HIGH ON OUR PRIORITY LIST.'"

2. ARTICLE CONTAINS INFORMATION, OBVIOUSLY SUPPLIED BY MALLINCKRODT, CONCERNING CURRENT US DOMESTIC DEMAND TRENDS, STOCKPILE RELEASES, AND GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR CODEINE SUPPLY POSSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO DEMAND.

3. ARTICLE ALSO STATES:

"IN A RECENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD, DR. MALCOLM C. TODD, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, URGED THAT PAPAVER BRacteatum BE CULTIVATED IN THIS COUNTRY IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO MAKE THIS NATION INDEPENDENT OF OUTSIDE SOURCES. (HE ALSO URGED THAT THE PRESIDENT ASSIST IN OBTAINING RAW OPIUM FROM THE WORLD MARKET. 'SOME OPIUM PRODUCTS ARE ESSENTIAL IN MEDICAL PRACTICE AND AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF THESE AGENTS FOR LEGITIMATE MEDICAL NEEDS MUST BE ASSURED,' HE SAID.)

4. ARTICLE QUOTES QUENTIN JONES CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS AND DEPICTS HIM AS BEING OPTIMISTIC REGARDING BRacteatum POSSIBILITIES. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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